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SUBJ: DISCUSSION WITH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION DIRECTOR MARC SCHREIBER

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IN TWO-HOUR SESSION WITH HA COUNSELOR AND MISOFF, UNHR MARC SCHREIBER IN SOMEWHAT AGITATED AND AGGRESSIVE MANNER, DISCUSSED THE 29TH SESSION OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (SUB-COMM); THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP (WG) ON CHILE AND HIS DETERMINATION TO REMAIN AS DIRECTOR OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION UNTIL 1978. END SUMMARY.

1. HA COUNSELOR AND MISOFF MET WITH MARC SCHREIBER (UNHRC) TO DISCUSS HIS REACTIONS TO 29TH SESSION OF SUB-COMM, THE CHILE WG AND HIS VIEWS ON WHAT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN HUMAN RIGHTS DURING THE 31ST SESSION OF THE GA. (SCHREIBER PLANS TO LEAVE FOR NEW YORK WEEKEND OF 19TH.)

2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE SUB-COMM SESSION, SCHREIBER SAID HE WAS DISTRESSED BY WHAT WHITAKER (UK) AND CAREY (US) HAD
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DONE TO SMIRNOV (USSR), (GENEVA 7022 AND 7023). SCHREIBER

EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR SMIRNOV NOTING THAT THE SOVIET "LOOKED BAD" AND WOULD PROBABLY BE IN TROUBLE "WITH THOSE TO WHOM HE REPORTS" ON BOTH THE MATTER OF THE DOCTORED DRAFT REPORT (GENEVA 7022) AND OF HIS SWITCH ON THE UGANDA VOTE (GENEVA 7023). HE WAS PARTICULARLY AGITATED WITH CAREY FOR SUPPORTING WHITAKER DURING CONFRONTATION ON THE FORMER ISSUE, SINCE CAREY HAD NOT BEEN PRESENT DURING THE DEBATE WHERE THE SUBJECT WAS RAISED. SCHREIBER INSISTED THAT TAPES OF THE MEETING PROVED WHITAKER WAS THE ONLY MEMBER ACCUSING THE USSR AND THE GDR OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. HE REFUSED TO RESPOND TO A COMMENT BY MISOFF THAT NOTES OF SEVERAL OBSERVERS REFLECTED NETTEL'S MENTION OF THE USSR AND THE GDR.

3. DURING THE CONVERSATION THE HRC DIRECTOR APPEARED TO BE LOOKING FOR WAYS OF FRUSTRATING THE INVESTIGATION CALLED FOR BY WHITAKER REGARDING THE "MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE" OF THE THREE COUNTRIES (GDR, USSR, URUGUAY) FROM THE REPORT. HE INSISTED THAT THE RAPPORTEUR FOR THE SESSION TOOK FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CHANGES IN TEXT OF REPORT.

4. IN DISCUSSING SMIRNOV'S INTENDED VOTE ON UGANDA, SCHREIBER ACCUSED THE CHAIRMAN OF CHANGING THE WAY VOTES ARE USUALLY CALLED FOR (IN FAVOR-AGAINST-ABSTENSION) IN THE UN. (THIS WAS NOT NOTED DURING THE SESSION AND IF THERE WAS A CHANGE ONLY SMIRNOV APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CONFUSED.) THE DIRECTOR SAID HE POINTED OUT TO SMIRNOV THAT HIS VOTE HAD BEEN RECORDED AS AN ABSTENTION BY THE SECT., BUT RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. WITHOUT EXPLAINING WHY, SCHREIBER COMMENTED THAT THE ENTIRE SITUATION PLACED HIM IN A BAD LIGHT. HIS FINAL COMMENT ON SITUATION WAS THAT SMIRNOV PLANS TO RETALIATE NEXT YEAR BY CITING 12 WESTERN COUNTRIES AS VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS.

5. IN DISCUSSING THE CHILE WG, SCHREIBER ADDED LITTLE TO COMMENTS MADE IN REF 6801. HE REPEATED THAT DIEZ HAD TRIED TO PLAY MEMBERS OF THE GROUP AGAINST EACHOTHER TAKING EACH TO DINNER, PRAISING HIS PERFORMANCE, SAYING THE PARTICULAR MEMBER WOULD BE WELCOME TO VISIT CHILE. ALLANA, THE CHAIRMAN, WAS NEVER A RECIPIENT OF THIS LAVISH ATTENTION HAVING PERMANENTLY WON THE ENMITY OF PINOCHET FOR HIS ATTACK ON CHILE DURING THE 30TH GA. DIEZ, ACCORDING TO SCHREIBER, WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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LESS HOSTILE DURING RECENT SESSION BUT HIS PAST BEHAVIOR HAD SO OUTRAGED THE WG THAT DETENTE WAS IMPOSSIBLE. IN ADDITION THE WG, BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE TESTIMONY, KNOW MORE ABOUT THE REAL SITUATION IN CHILE THAN DIEZ, WHO, HE CONCLUDED, WAS PROBABLY BEING HOODWINKED AS TO VIOLATIONS BY CONTROLLING REGIME MEMBERS.

6. NEAR THE END OF THE CONVERSATION, SCHREIBER RATHER AGGRESSIVELY

ASKED "WHO IS THIS KUNZ WHO WANTS MY JOB." MISOFF RESPONDED ONLY THAT KUNZ WAS DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIAL DEFENSE RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN ROME. (MISSION DOES NOT KNOW HOW THIS INFORMATION WAS LEAKED TO SCHREIBER AND WEO'S REF 6997.) SCHREIBER SAID HE PLANS TO REMAIN IN POSITION UNTIL HE IS 62 YEARS OLD IN 1978. HE GAVE AS ONE REASON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW COVENANTS. HE ALSO REPEATED THE JOB IS NOT OPEN. FURTHERMORE, SINCE WALDHEIM IS RUNNING FOR OFFICE, SCHREIBER INFERRED THAT HIS OWN TENURE WAS MORE FIRMLY ASSURED. IN ADDITION TO SUPPORT FROM HIS GOVERNMENT (BELGIUM), SCHREIBER SAID THAT ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WANT HIM TO REMAIN IN OFFICE INCLUDING THE RUSSIANS. THE LATTER EXPLAINED THAT THEY MIGHT NOT BE HAPPY WITH HIM BUT HE WAS BETTER THAN OTHER POSSIBILITIES. SCHREIBER NOTED THAT NEITHER CANADA, THE NETHERLANDS NOR ITALY HAS A CHANCE OF CAPTURING THE POSITION BECAUSE THEY CANNOT GET TOGETHER ON WHOM THEY WOULD ALL SUPPORT. FINALLY HE SAID HIS STAFF IS ANXIOUS THAT HE NOT LEAVE. NOTING THAT HIS NEW DEPUTY IS FROM UPPER VOLTA, SCHREIBER SAID AN AFRICAN WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION. (THIS MEANS MBAI, SENEGAL WHO WAS A CONTENDER FOR THE DIRECTORSHIP OF HRC.)

7. LATER IN AFTERNOON GUARDIAN REPORTER CONTACTED MISOFF AND SAID THAT IN MORNING PRESS CONFERENCE SCHREIBER HAD BEEN QUESTIONED ABOUT DELETIONS IN REPORT OF SUB-COMMISSION. SCHREIBER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THE RAPPOREUR TOOK FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DELETING USSR, GDR AND URUGUAY FROM DOCUMENT. WHEN ASKED IF HE WERE FOLLOWING UP ON WHITAKER'S REQUEST THAT SITUATION BE INVESTIGATED, SCHREIBER IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID HE HAD DROPPED THE ISSUE BECAUSE HIS STAFF ASSURED HIM THAT THEY HAD NOT PRESSURED THE RAPPOREUR TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE GUARDIAN REPORTER SAID A RUMOR EXISTS THAT SCHREIBER REWROTE THE DISPUTED PARAGRAPH AND DELIBERATELY DELETED THE USSR AND THE GDR BECAUSE THE USSR SUPPORTS HIS REMAINING AS DIRECTOR

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OF THE HRC, WHILE NO COMPARABLE SUPPORT HAS COME FROM THE WEST.

8. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR THAT SCHREIBER AND VAN BOVEN (NETHERLANDS) ALSO A CANDIDATE FOR THE DIRECTORSHIP, ARE BOTH SEEKING USSR SUPPORT. SCHREIBER MIGHT WIN THE RACE SINCE HE ALREADY HAS THE DESK AND CHAIR.CATTO

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